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- X Information Sheet
- X Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76
- Other _____
- Applicant requests early publication

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- X The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed patent application together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- X A check in the amount of \$ 914.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- The Government Filing Fee will be paid at the time of completion of the filing requirement.
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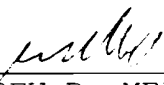
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